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SUBJECT: ROMULO COMMENTS ON PEKING VISIT

1. I MADE COURTESY CALL ON FON SEC ROMULO MORING JULY 21 TO TOUR HORIZON FOLLOWING MY RETURN FROM LEAVE AND CONSULTATIONS. ALTHOUGH WE CONVERED NUMBER OF ITEMS, MOST INTERESTING ASPECT WAS ROMULO'S ACCOUNT OF MARCOS VISIT TO PEKING. ROMULO WAS CLEARLY PLEASED EG PUNCH THAT HE WAS SOLE FILIPINO PARTICIPANT WITH MARCOS IN SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WITH TENG HSIAO PENG AND CHAU KUAN HUA.

2. ROMULO PROFESSED TO HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH TENG'S AUTHORITATIVE GRASP OF HIS SUBJECT MATTER AND WITH AMOUNT OF TIME HE SPENT GIVING CHINA'S STRATEGIC APPRECIATION OF
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CURRRENT WORLD SCENE. THIS ADDED UP TO LENGTHY INDICITEMENT

OF SOVIETS, STRESSING THEIR MALIGN INTENTIONS IN ALL
CORNERS OF THE WORLD. ACCORDING ROMULO, NOT A SINGLE
UNKIND WORD WAS SAID ABOUT U.S.

3. ON ASEAN, TENG GAVE WARM ENDORSEMENT, BUT ALSO PUT
STRESS ON "ZONE OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY" AS MEANS AVOIDING
SOVIET INFLUENCE IN REGION.

4. SEATO WAS NOT RPT NOT MENTIONED BY EITHER SIDE, NOR
WERE U.S. BASES. HOWEVER, CHINESE DID INDICATE THEIR
HOPE TO SEE CONTINUING U.S. PRESENCE AND INTEREST IN SEA.

5. ON TAIWAN, TENG SAID HE UNDERSTOOD U.S. PROBLEM IN HAVING
TO MOVE SLOWLY TO MAKE SHIFT IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.
HOWEVER, HE SAID "WE CAN WAIT."

6. ROMULO WAS SHOCKED BY DETERIORATION IN CHOU'S HEALTH.
HIS CLOTHES HANG ON HIM AND HE SHUFFLES WHEN HE TRIES TO
WALK. HIS MIND AND WIT SEEM ALERT, BUT ROMULO FELT HE
WAS NOT LONG FOR THIS WORLD. SULLIVAN

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